

Resolution authorizing a contract with Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio to provide mediation services that will assist individuals that are experiencing tenant/ landlord disputes, family disputes, neighborhood problems and work place issues and provide targeted services to assist low income tenants who are at risk of eviction to maintain safe and stable housing. (Community Partnerships) (\$40,360)

WHEREAS, Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio focuses mediation services in four major areas of tenant/landlord disputes, family disputes, neighborhood problems and workplace issues because of their particularly damaging effects in the community; and

WHEREAS, Eviction rates in Franklin County are greater than 19,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, Community Mediation Services' Housing Stability program annually provides 2,000 low income tenants at imminent risk of eviction and their landlords with free access to specially trained mediators; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners wish to support Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio to help resolve disputes by promoting and teaching non-adversarial conflict management strategies that empower disputants to create lasting/satisfying resolutions to their conflicts as authorized under Section 307.698 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the attached contract for services with Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio for the period October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 and the attached purchase order in the amount of \$40,360 is hereby approved.

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